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Editorial

HAVE you renewed your subscription for 1898?

If you have not renewed your subscription for this year do so now.

ALL orders for the Annual have been filled and we still have a good supply. In your subscription for the paper, be sure to include an order for the Annual.

HAVE you raised your apportionment for the college? Why not? Do it quickly, the work is moving along nicely, surely *you* can not afford to be the one who must bear the responsibility for failure. Let failure come thro some one else, if come it must, not thro *you*.

WE have several letters stating that the writer's subscription had been renewed yet the figures 50-97 appears on the label instead of 50-98. The reason is that we have been too busy to make the changes. Please have a little more patience and the change will be made and the proper credit given.

THERE will be a meeting of the National Mission Board in Chicago, Ill., January 20. A full attendance is requested. See announcement elsewhere. Our work is being more perfectly organized and it will be a matter of but a few years when the Brethren church will be in missionary work "all over."

WE have now fully entered upon the duties of the New Year, and we trust our relations with our customers will continue pleasantly as they did during the year 1897. We thank our friends for the many favors shown us and assure them that they were received in His Name who it is that gives us friends and all other good things.

VERY truthfully does Dr. J. R. Miller say: The best cure for the evils in society is the diffusion of the word of God. Wherever it goes it cleanses. It elevates the moral tone. It shows sin in its true colors hideous and loathsome. It quickens the conscience. It creates visions of beauty toward the realizing of which men begin to aspire. Our Christian civilization, wherever it is found, is the product of the word of God. If we would help a godless family we have but to get the Bible into it. Wherever we would do good the process must be the same. The

holy scriptures have in them the power of God which works for righteousness, and wherever they go they carry the life of heaven.

IN our prayer meetings and young people's meetings we talk much about laying hold on God. Would it not be well to let God lay hold on us? This God can do only when we give up self and yield submissively to his will. The reason God is not using us for greater things is because we do not let him. He is ready, but we are not. God can do mighty works thro his people if they will allow him to work thro them.

THE man who preaches the gospel to all the inhabitants of Chicago preaches to a little world, or rather he preaches to representatives of a large world. The City Tract Society's colporters distribute tracts written in German, French, Dutch, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Finnish, Russian, Polish, Bohemian, Bulgarian, Hungarian, Spanish, Welsh, Greek, Hebrew, Chinese and Arabic, and find eager readers for them.

WHAT were your New Year resolutions? Did you resolve to do certain things each day during the year 1898? Not a week has yet passed away. Have you kept these resolutions? The Word teaches that it is better not to vow than to vow and not pay. Every day of the year should find you a little better, a little stronger, purer in love, richer in grace, more nearly ready for the years which have no end. Let there be a step forward each day, and the 365 days will show quite an advance in the journey of your life.

THE Bible we offer you with the EVANGELIST at \$3.25 is as good a Bible as you have ever bought at this price without the paper. We repeat, it is not a cheap Bible, but an elegant large type edition, well bound, leather lined, self-pronouncing, and in every respect a first class book. If you send us a new subscriber you get the Bible and the new subscription at 3 00. This will give you the Bible at \$1.50. It is worth \$5.00. Try one of them.

WE are sorry to have to announce that all the Brethren Quarterlies for the first quarter have been sold. We have yet on hand perhaps fifty Youth's Quarterlies. Now we are not sorry that we sold so many, but sorry that we did not publish a few more. The sales were almost 1000 more than for the same quarter last year. The agitation along the

line of evergreen Sunday-schools has had much to do with the increased sales. A full share of the credit belongs to Brother Yoder. Let us keep up the agitation until every school in the brotherhood remains open twelve months in the year.

THE Ohio Anti-Saloon League holds its convention at Columbus, beginning January 10. An elaborate program has been prepared and able speakers will address the meeting. Anti-Saloon of course means against the saloon, and any movement that is against the saloon is to be encouraged by all Christian people. The Anti-Saloon League is creating sentiment against that most infamous enemy of the home, church and country, and we wish it God-speed in its undertaking.

THE paper goes out on time this week, and we trust it will continue to do so each week during the year 1898. Four numbers of our *Little Folks* for January have been mailed and three numbers of *Cheering Words*. Thus you see we are catching up with the work, but to do this required no little effort on the part of the office hands as you may know when we tell you that Christmas and New Year were as busy days for us as any others, and besides considerable night work has been done.

WE trust our readers will find the very complete report of the missionary meeting held at Milledgeville both interesting and profitable. A digest of some of the addresses and papers given appears with the report. And while we can not agree with all the conclusions reached and the statements made by some, yet this does not make the report any the less good reading matter. It is full of good things and we invite our readers to give it a careful perusal and profit by the earnestness, enthusiasm and spirituality which characterized the meetings.

THE report of the missionary convention held at Milledgeville, Ill., the middle of last month appears in this issue. It is a very full report, and is taken from the *Milledgeville Free Press*. The convention held at Enon, Iowa, is also reported, tho more briefly. The reports show that these meetings were characterized by a deep spirituality. The three thoughts that seem to have been most prominent are these: 1. Entire consecration to the Master. 2. More thorough and systematic Bible study. 3. World evangelization. The meetings are reported as hav-